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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of 2 sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																								
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the claims:
 nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* 1-8 received by this Authority on 23.07.2005 with letter of 08.06.2005
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the drawings:
 sheets 1/2, 2/2 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 – 8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 – 8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 – 8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1: DE 102 04 122 C1 (DAIMLERCHRYSLER AG)
8 May 2003 (2003-05-08)

2 Document **D1** is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1 and discloses (the references between parentheses refer to that document) a lightweight valve, in particular for internal combustion engines (column 1, lines 3 and 4), with a valve stem (22, 32) with a hollow valve cone (27, 37) and a valve disk (28, 38) which closes the hollow of the valve cone on one side, valve cone support means (26, 36) being provided in the hollow at a distance from the valve disk (28, 38).

The subject matter of claim 1 thus differs from that known from document D1 in that document D1 does not mention that the valve cone support means are formed on a stem connecting component that is formed on or is attached to the valve disk and projects dome-like beyond the side facing towards

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the valve cone.

As a result of that difference, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

A person skilled in the art having to build the valve from document D1 would not readily attach the valve cone support means to the valve disk, since the thus heavily altered structure could, for example, be mechanically less stable. A person skilled in the art would also not immediately know whether the different materials of the different parts would easily allow such a change in geometry. Therefore, since a person skilled in the art would not easily arrive at the subject matter of the first claim, since in altering the geometry of the valve from document D1 a number of aspects must be considered, the subject matter of the first claim can be considered inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

Claims 2 to 8 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Contrary to PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the description does not cite documents D1 and D2 or indicate the relevant prior art disclosed therein.